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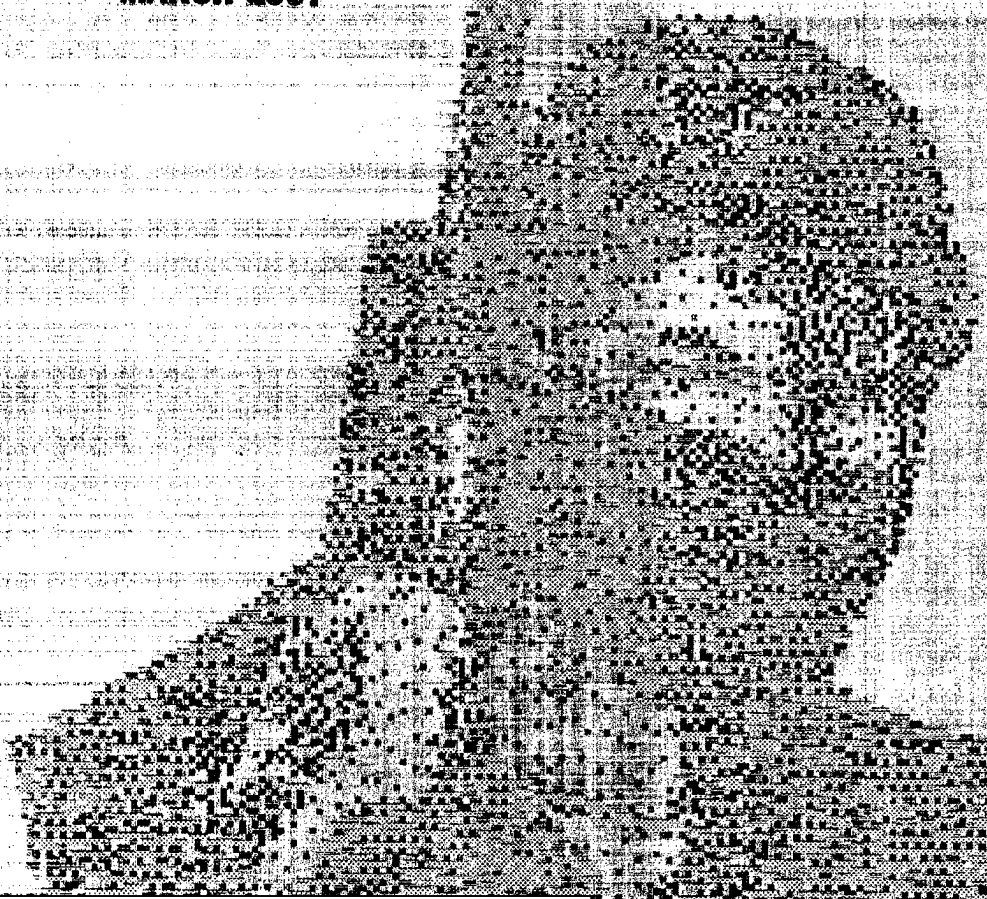
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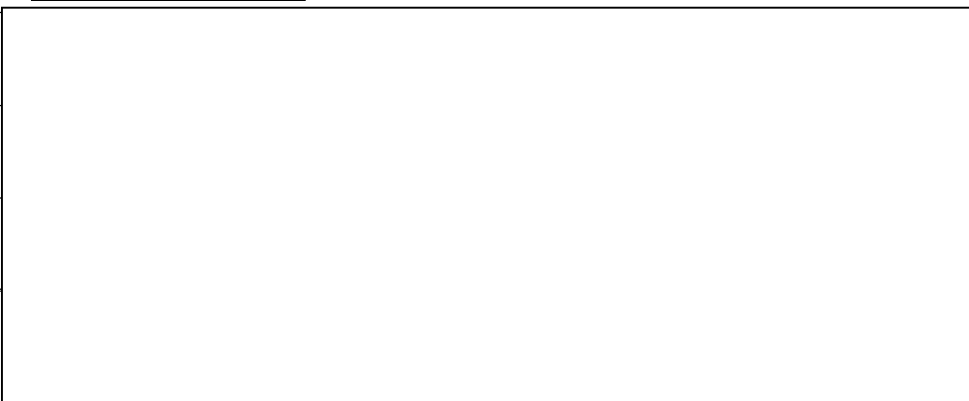
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**Colombia: Another US Citizen Kidnapped**



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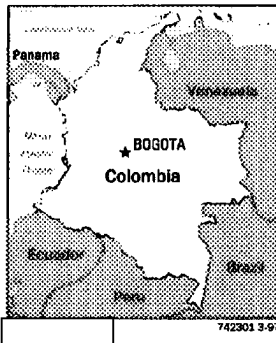
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## Latin America

### Colombia

#### Another US Citizen Kidnapped ☐



☐ US mining engineer Frank Skee was kidnapped on 7 March in southwestern Colombia, apparently by members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the country's largest guerrilla group. Members of the FARC's 29th Front for several weeks had called a rarely used telephone number to demand extortion payments from the victim's employer, a US-owned mining company based near the Ecuadorian border. The kidnappers called the same number to set up ransom talks with the company. ☐

Colombian guerrillas already held four US citizens:

- The FARC kidnapped three US missionaries from Panama in 1993. Although the guerrillas have not provided any news on their status or whereabouts since 1994, information ☐ indicates that all three were alive and in FARC captivity in February 1996.
- Another kidnapped US citizen was found dead last month in northeastern Colombia. ☐